

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A system for tracking and monitoring activities related to a sales transaction for an object of value, the system comprising:

at least one client device operable by at least one of a plurality of users of the system;

at least one centralized data store for storing information that includes data identifying the object of value, the plurality of users of the system, activities related to the sales transaction and a plurality of documents for completing the sales transaction; and

a controller, operatively coupling the at least one client device and the at least one centralized data store, the controller

selectively providing access to information stored in the data store for tracking and monitoring the activities performed and documents created, reviewed and completed by parties to the sales transaction, said access being provided via

a first user interface displaying a graphical illustration of activities and/or documents required to complete the sales transaction, providing information for monitoring a status of the sales transaction and deadlines an estimated due date pertaining to each of said activities and/or documents the sales transaction, an actual completion date pertaining to each of said activities and/or documents, and closing information including an estimated closing date, closing location and summary of disbursements,

a second user interface providing access to data regarding the object, the data including a government registration number for the object and manufacturer's data for the object,

a second ~~third~~ user interface providing access to a database including information from a third party regarding the object, and

a ~~third~~ fourth user interface providing descriptions of the documents for completing the sales transaction, and

a fifth user interface providing access to the documents by a user performing at least one of a government registration service and a mortgage perfection service for the object; and

including a notification engine for providing messages to the parties of the sales transaction corresponding to the activities and documents of the transaction, said messages including an advanced notification regarding a warranty registration provided to a manufacturer of the object,

wherein

a single entry of data relating to the sales transaction, performed using said client device, is effective to distribute said data to specified fields of the plurality of documents, and the object of value is comprised of one of a yacht, boat, ship, marine vessel, aircraft, motor vehicle, and other transportation vehicles for personal, commercial and/or recreational use.

2. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the object of value is comprised of ~~one of a yacht, boat, ship, marine vessel, aircraft, motor vehicle, other transportation vehicles and real estate~~ for personal, commercial and/or recreational use.

3. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein said user interfaces provide a graphical representation of the sales transaction and the plurality of activities and documents.

4. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein the graphical representation further includes information regarding a current status of the activities and documents.

5. (Previously presented) The system of claim 4, wherein the current status includes one of pending, closed, and aborted.

6. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the ~~controller further includes a~~ notification engine provides a message regarding a retail deposit made by a party to the sales transaction, the sales transaction being a retail sale of the object ~~providing messages to the parties to the sales transaction corresponding to the activities and documents of the transaction.~~

7. (Original) The system of claim 1, further including an interface between the controller and an external data source including information related to the object of value.

8. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the plurality of users includes at least one of a dealer or broker, an escrow agent, a documentation agent, a buyer or seller of the object, a manufacturer or builder of the object, a wholesale finance or floor plan provider, a retail bank or financial institution, an insurance underwriter, agent or broker, a marine surveyor and a system administrator or closing coordinator.

9. (Previously presented) The system of claim 7 wherein said external data source is searchable.

10. (Previously presented) The system of claim 9 wherein said information is necessary to complete said sales transaction.

11. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said data store is a repository of data and has archival and retrieval functionality.

12. (Currently amended) A system for tracking and monitoring activities related to a sales transaction for an object of value, the system comprising:

at least one client device operable by at least one of a plurality of users of the system;

at least one centralized data store for storing information that includes data identifying the object of value, the plurality of users of the system, activities related to the sales transaction and documents for completing the sales transaction;

a controller, operatively coupling the at least one client device and the at least one centralized data store, the controller

selectively providing access to information stored in the data store for tracking and monitoring the activities performed and documents created, reviewed and completed by parties to the sales transaction, and

including a notification engine for providing an advanced notification regarding a warranty registration provided to a manufacturer of the object; and

a user interface providing access to a database having information from a third party, said information including registration information from a government agency regarding the object.

13. (Previously presented) The system of claim 12 wherein the object of value is comprised of a marine vessel.

14. (Previously presented) The system of claim 12 wherein said registration information comprises official information maintained by the U.S. Coast Guard.

15. (Previously presented) The system of claim 12 wherein said registration information is necessary to complete said sales transaction.